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SUBJ: PUBLICATINS PROCUREMENT: LIBERATION ARMY DAILY

HONG KONG FOR CRS/P AND PPO; DEPT FOR EA/PRCM, INR/REA AND
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1. BRITISH EMBOFF HAS PASSED USLO A MAY 19 RESEARCH MEMORANDUM
FROM R.F. WYE, FAR EASTERN SECTION, RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, FCO
TO HIS EMBASSY ON "RUMBLINGS WITHIN THE LEADERSHIP."

2. THE AUTHOR'S THESIS -- THAT "A DETERMINED EFFORT HAS
BEEN LAUNCHED TO UNDERMINE CHAIRMAN MAO'S LEGACY" AND THAT
TENG "IS PUSHING HARD" AGAINST BOTH THE MAO LEGACY AND CHAIRMAN
HUA -- RESTS IN LARGE PART ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE REGULAR
READING OF LIBERATION ARMY DAILY. HE REFERS TO PUBLICATION
IN LAD OF "A SERIES OF STORIES PRAISING THOSE WHO WERE NOT
AFRAID OF GHOSTS" AND TO THE FACT THAT ARTICLES BUILDING
UP HUA'S IMAGE "NO LONGER APPEAR IN THE NEWSPAPER."

3. SINCE USLO WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARE THAT USG OR FRIENDLY
GOVERNMENTS HAD FREQUENT OR REGULAR ACCESS TO THE
RESTRICTED LAD, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES CHECKING
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WHERE APROPRIATE WITH BRITISH. (FYI - BRITISH
EMBOFF ALSO EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT IMPLIED REGULAR ACCESS
TO LAD AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD RAISE THE SUBJECT
WITH FCO.)
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